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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OAS, UY

SUBJ: POST GENERAL ASSEMBLY STATUS OF CHARTER REFORM

REF: STATE 197847

1. DCM DISCUSSED REFTTEL WITH AMBASSADOR ALVARO ALVAREZ, DIRECTOR FOREIGN POLICY, FOREIGN MINISTRY. ALVAREZ SAID HE WOULD, OF COURSE, CONSULT WITH FONMIN BLANCO, BUT EXPRESSED VIEW THAT OUR POSITION AS OUTLINED IN REFTTEL APPEARED TO HIM TO BE PRACTICAL AND LOGICAL ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT NOT MEET WITH APPROVAL OF SOME OTHER OAS MEMBERS. HE DID NOT SPECIFY WHICH.

2. ALVAREZ COMMENTED THAT SINCE ECONOMIC MATTERS WERE THE MOST IMPORTANT, AND DIRECTLY RELATED TO CHARTER REFORM, IT SEEMED OBVIOUS TO HIM THAT PRIORITY ATTENTION WOULD BE DIRECTED TO THIS AREA FOLLOWED BY FURTHER MOVES TOWARD CHARTER REFORM AFTER A REASONABLE INTERVAL AS WE PROPOSED. AS USUAL, HOWEVER, ALVAREZ OBJECTED TO OUR REFERENCE TO CHARTER REFORM BEING TAKEN UP BY A GROUP OF EXPERTS AT A HIGH LEVEL AND NOT SIMPLY BY AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED TO THE OAS. FOR ALVAREZ AT LEAST, THIS MATTER REMAINS CONFIDENTIAL

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AS EXPRESSED BY HIM MANY TIMES BEFORE, I.E. THAT

MEMBERS OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL CANNOT BE AUTOMATICALLY EXCLUDED GIVEN THE LACK OF TALENT AND EXPERTISE IN A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES MEMBERS OF THE OAS. FYI. - ALVAREZ, IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HAS A PERSONAL STAKE IN THIS SINCE HE TOLD DCM ON THIS OCCASION THAT HE WOULD BE REPLACING MARQUEZ SERE IN WASHINGTON. END FYI

3. ALVAREZ ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE PRECISE MEANING OF THE PHRASE IN THE REFTEL WHICH STATES "WE BELIEVE THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION OF CHARTER REFORM MUST BE DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER THE SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT." HE REITERATED THAT THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT CONCLUSIONS REACHED AT THE LATTER SPECIAL ASSEMBLY WOULD AFFECT THE GOALS AND STRUCTURE OF THE OAS AND WILL NEED TO BE REFLECTED IN CHARTER REFORM. HOWEVER, HE QUESTIONED WHETHER SUCH AN EXPLICIT STATEMENT MEANT THAT WE INTENDED NOT TO ENGAGE IN ANY DISCUSSIONS WHATSOEVER ON CHARTER REFORM, INCLUDING IN THE PERMANENT COUNCIL, PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE PERMANENT COUNCIL WOULD BE RESUMING ITS SESSIONS SOON AND THAT A NUMBER OF POINTS ON CHARTER REFORM REMAINED FOR DISCUSSION. HE ASKED THAT THIS ASPECT BE CLARIFIED.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE THE CLARIFICATION REQUESTED BY ALVAREZ.  
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